

Existing policy with required modifications.

Instruction

Gifted and Talented Students Program

Gifted students are those with outstanding learning abilities or outstanding talent in the creative arts.

The school district shall provide educational programs for the gifted and talented including a broad spectrum of learning experiences to:

1. broaden and deepen knowledge and to develop skills necessary for the student to function successfully in society;
2. encourage students to excel in areas of special competence and interest.

Though early identification of the gifted and talented is important, it is essential that the identification of these students be recognized as an initial step in a continuing educational process. Also, special abilities and skills appear at different times in children's lives.

Accordingly, the school district recognizes the importance of providing programs for gifted and talented students. The school district will review the guidelines, developed and promulgated by the State Department of Education (SDE), for providing services to those students. The guidelines include best practices for the district to consider for (1) addressing the intellectual, social and emotional needs of gifted and talented students in schools and (2) providing teacher training and professional development on gifted and talented students.

Upon the identification of a student as gifted and talented, the District shall provide electronic notice of such identification to the parent/guardian of such student. Such notice shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. an explanation of how such student was identified as gifted and talented,
2. the contact information for the District's employee in charge of the provision of services to gifted and talented students, or, if there is no such employee, the District's employee in charge of the provision of special education and related services,
3. the employee at the State Department of Education who has been designated as responsible for providing information and assistance to boards of education and parents or guardians of students related to gifted and talented students, pursuant to section 10-3e of the General Statutes, and
4. any associations in the state that provide support to gifted and talented students.

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-76a-(e) Definitions.

10-76d(e) Duties and powers of Boards of Education to provide special education programs and services.

P.A. 17-82 An Act Concerning Services for Gifted and Talented Students.

P.A. 19-184 An Act Concerning the Provision of Special Education.

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